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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on June 26, 2006, July 24, 2006, and May 8, 2009, Applicants hereby forward to the attention of the Examiner a translation of the Japanese Office Action dated March 17, 2009 and issued in connection with Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-514295.

Applicants note that a copy of the Japanese Office Action and information cited therein were submitted to the Office in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed May 8, 2009.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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